



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

11th January 2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Monday 14th January

- School Clubs and Music Lessons start this week (excluding Storm Basketball)

Tuesday 15th January

- Deadline to apply for September 2019 Reception School place

Wednesday 16th January

- Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 7pm

Friday 18th January

- W1SPA Year 4 Cake Sale
- Open Maths Morning for Parents – 9am to 9.45am (see details below)
- No Celebration Assembly

Advance Notice

Wednesday 23rd January

- Parent Forum – 7.30pm

Friday 25th January

- Year 3 Class Assembly
- W1SPA Film Night

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 17th December 2018.

Year 6	90.83%	Year 5	98.75%	Year 4	99.14%	Year 3	95%
Year 2	93.97%	Year 1	89.17%	Reception	95.09%	Nursery	96.43%

During the week of 17th December – 3 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

MATHS MORNING – FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY



Please come and join us for an exciting session of Maths learning. We welcome you to come into class with your child and enjoy learning with them. The sessions will be led by your children and give you the opportunity to explore investigations, our Westfield maths models, manipulatives and games which you can use at home. We hope that you will leave having had a fantastic mathematical morning with your child, full of ideas and engaged with their mathematical learning journey.

Have more than one child? No worries, even though all classes will have their sessions at the same time, you can move freely between classes so that you are able to spend time with each of your children.

The session will run from 9-9:45am, however you are welcome to come through the main entrance, to the hall, after morning drop off.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday!

Health & Safety Reminders

At Westfield School we take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. To ensure the safety of our children at all times, please can I remind you that children remain the responsibility of our parents/carers until the bell is rung at 8.40am and the children are received by their class teacher. Similarly, at the end of the day, once your child has been handed over, they should remain with you and are your responsibility whilst you leave the school grounds. Please ensure you supervise your children at all times when they are in your care. For safety reasons, I would also like to remind parents that children should not be using the steps/climbing on the walls and walking through the car park adjacent to the meeting place.

For our Year 5 and 6 children that walk to school, please can I ask you to remind them that they should not be arriving and walking down to the lower playground before 8.30am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder: Primary School Applications

The application process for a Reception school place for September 2019 opened on Monday 5th November. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 – 31st August 2015, you can now apply for a Primary school place to start in September 2019. Parents/carers can apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the **deadline date for applications is 15th January 2019**.

Class Newsletters & Diary Dates

The Spring Term Class Newsletters have been sent home today together with our updated Diary Dates for the Spring and Summer terms.

Please note the following amendments to our diary dates:

- The Spring Term Awards Assembly will now take place on Thursday 4th April at 9am with the RockSteady Concert taking place on Friday 5th April.
- Please also note we will not have a Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th March.
- Year 6 Project Kitchen Meeting due on Tuesday 29th January - CANCELLED

Mobile Phone Policy

In line with our reviewed mobile phone policy, you will notice there are designated mobile phone areas around school, these being in the foyer area for parents. We ask that you have your phone on silent around the school, and in a bag or pocket while working with children. There are also signs outside each classroom door asking that you "greet your child with a smile, not a mobile". Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Safety Online Newsletter

Please find attached the Spring Term Online Safety Newsletter from Herts for Learning which provides lots of helpful information and useful tips on how to ensure your children are safe online. **Places are also still available for our Online Safety Parent Workshop taking place on Wednesday 16th January. Please contact the office if you would like to book a place.**

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, we can claim extra money to support your child's education? Registering for Free School Meals could mean an extra £1,300 to enhance your child's education. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal but unless you register with us, the school will not receive the funding.

We ask **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's quick and easy and only has to be done once and if all families register, the school will not miss out on additional funding entitlement. To register, please visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Thank you.

Parent Support Groups

Please find attached details of the next Parent Support Groups being with Lisa MacGovern for parents of children with ASD/Communication Disorders or Sensory Processing needs. These meetings are being held at Bridgewater School on Wednesday 27th February, Wednesday 24th April and Wednesday 26th June from 1-2:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

Christingle at St Mary's

Rev Jonathan Gordon has asked us to share the following message with you:

On Sunday January 13th at 10.00am there will be an Epiphany Christingle at St Mary's Northchurch. A collection will be taken to support the work of the Children's' Society and there will be a Christingle procession around the church. All welcome and please contact Jonathan on revjagordon@gmail.com for details.

W1SPA News

Happy New Year and here's a few upcoming dates for your diary.

Year 4 Cake Sale is Friday 18th January

Wine Night - the new date for this great value and entertaining event is Friday 8th February. Please see book bags for flier and booking form - at £10 a head, this is a new year pocket friendly night out!

Pamper Night - saves the date, we'd love to see lots of new faces at this relaxing and friendly evening. It's Friday 29th March.

The Giving Machine - if you're doing any home improvements this New Year, thousands of shops and services will give us free money if you register with this free to use and easy to navigate website. Any questions? Please just email Nell Sparks on sequin46@hotmail.com. It's www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Supermarket vouchers - the easiest way to raise funds for school! Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose/John Lewis give us money if you join the scheme. You only have to swap cash/cheque or set up a debit and that's it! Please contact Jo Harding on jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Spring Term Class Newsletters*
- *Diary Dates*
- *Year 5 Thomas Coram Jazz Festival*
- *Online Safety Spring Term Newsletter*
- *Parent Support Group flyer*
- *Year 6 Young Voices*

Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office and can also be accessed from our website within the '[Letters Home](#)' page

Our School Value next week is Determination